



Natural Resources Conservation Service

North Carolina

Section II-(C)

Source Data for the Official Soil Survey

Ashe County - General

The traditional final product of first generation soil survey mapping has been the soil survey publication. Each publication included soil map unit descriptions, series descriptions, tables of information (attributes), and maps. One copy of this publication is retained at the USDA Service Center, NRCS Field Office, and designated as the "Official Copy". This official copy was established to maintain the most current soil information for a survey area.

The Ashe County soil survey was published in 1985 and remains the official source of soil maps. The soil maps have been digitized and are available at no charge from this web site:

http://www.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/ssur_data.html

An additional source of soil data is the NASIS database. The NASIS data is available from this site in a Microsoft Access data template. The file name is the county FIPS code with a "zip" extension, nc009.zip. It may be downloaded and unzipped. The template, nc009.mdb, requires Microsoft Access 97 or newer. The data on this site is the most current digital available.

Copies of the published soil survey are available from:

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